REI contributes many resources to State Parks

Working in partnership with communities and organizations is a central concept of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission's Centennial 2013 Plan. One such enduring partnership is with REI, supplier of specialty outdoor gear and clothing.

For an Earth Day service project this year, several REI managers brought enthusiasm and strong backs to Saint Edward State Park in Kenmore to regrade a hiking trail and clear debris.

Also this year, as part of its plan to dedicate \$1 million to community parks across the country, REI gave \$10,000 each to Lake Sammamish and Riverside state parks. The money will go to fund projects such as a water trail interpretive brochure, trailhead improvements and restoration projects.

The retailer also donates space in its Seattle store to State Parks and other agencies for an outdoor recreation information booth and has made discounts available on gear for State Parks' diversity camping program.

By the end of 2005, State Parks had 283 partners, including government agencies and recreational groups. One of the goals of the Centennial 2013 Plan is to double the number of partnerships to 500 by 2013. REI is just one of many generous and dedicated partners helping State Parks meet that goal.

REI employees help regrade a trail at Saint Edward State Park as part of a service project for Earth Day 2006.





(From left) State
Parks Director
Rex Derr;
Commissioner
Joan Thomas,
Karen Munro,
Ralph Munro
and Ranger Steve
Sabine prepare to
officially open the
new interpretive
center at Lime
Kiln Point State
Park.

Lime Kiln Point center dedicated

More than 100 people turned out Aug. 10 to celebrate the official opening of the new interpretive center at Lime Kiln Point State Park on San Juan Island.

The center is dedicated to Karen Hanson Munro, orca activist and wife of former Secretary of State Ralph Munro. At the event, both shared stories of their passion for protecting orcas in Puget Sound.

Adapted from an old garage and maintenance shop, the center houses an orca mural, a life-size replica of an orca dorsal fin, an orca video viewing station and local Native American art. The center also has interpretive displays that feature Puget Sound intertidal areas, early Coast Guard activities at the Lime Kiln Point lighthouse and the story of the lime works that operated at the site from 1875 until recent times. A gift counter offers items for sale.

The project was made possible, in part, by a generous donation from the Munros to the Washington State Parks Foundation, an organization whose mission is to enrich the quality of state parks and help preserve and protect state parks resources.

The Lime Kiln Point Interpretive Center is open from May to September. The park is well-known for its popular, wheelchair-accessible overlook that frequently affords visitors glimpses of orcas breaching off the coast.

Number of Centennial 2013 Plan endorsements grows

More than 500 individuals and organizations have shown support for State Parks by endorsing the Centennial 2013 Plan to prepare the state park system for a second century of service.

The plan features three priorities: 1. Take care of what we have. 2. Enhance existing parks and trails. 3. Build new parks to meet future demand. To learn more about the Centennial 2013 Plan, visit www.parks.wa.gov/Centennial2013.

To lend your name to the list of those who endorse the plan, simply send an e-mail to Centennial2013@parks.wa.gov, or write a note to Washington State Parks, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504-2650. Your name will be added to the growing list of people (some of whom are listed below) who support the Centennial 2013 effort. Your name can be added to an e-mail list to receive updates on your state parks.

Centennial 2013 Plan Recent Endorsements

Frontier Log & Timber Homes • Skagit Valley College • Cedar Grove Composting • Washington Tree Experts • Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group • Washington Scuba Alliance • Washington Trails Association • Washington State Lewis and Clark Trail Committee • Blake Bender • Fred Lockett • Ted and Tammy Gierken • Scott and Kim Baker • Ron and Diana Allen • Richard Gray • Joe and Vernye Armstrong • Amanda Hellickson • Juliana Wilks • Mary Copeland • Thane A. Toney • MD Pebley • Suzannah Rogers • Berton Orr • Terah Lane • Melissa Holaday • Michelle Davis • Rodney Crane • Deric Holaday • Cassandra Baines • David Baines • Joanie Self • Karen Johnston • John L. Sheldon • Darcy Lund • Sharon and Bert Clark • John Tillison • Christopher A. Brown • Bill McNeely • Les Turnley • Louise M. Brown • Linda Bow • Bernadette Price • Robert Bristow • Enola Steen • Enola Faulkner • Dan and Gail Ayres • Pamela Fritschel • Betty Sager • Kathryn Hill • John Hill • Deane and Rachel Wood • Randal R. Ketchum • Chris Martin • James L. Farley • Rick and Sunny Buhrer • Bill and Evelyn Hitzroth • Johnny Jackson • Sharon Wolf • Sherry Montgomery • Glenetta Montgomery • Benji Young • Terri L. Ferguson • Joel and Mary Ferguson • Don and Carolyn Carroll • Todd Fitch • Michael R. Lindal • Jack Nealy • Mary Nealy • Chris Nealy • Cory Nealy • Rae Julsing • Melissa Petty • Peggy Davenport • Julie Walker • Troy Utti • Laurie Cameron • Nydia White • Diana M. Price • Valerie Dickinson • Jona Gummere • Brett Thompson • Ryan Holmes • Steve Johnson • Kelsy Holmes • Rachel Egan • Alexander Gummere • Amanda Sloan • Robert L. Sager • Tracy Sager • Randy Sager • Hank Sager • John Sager • Brent Martonik • Steven Jones • Connie Laflam • Teresa Cecil • Juli Freeman • Kim Thompson • Don Thompson • Colin Simpier • Lee and Penny Garrett • Charlene Cline • Dave Cline • Don Blackburn • Catherine Blackburn • Gary Duranceau • Gary Murdock • Clyde Duranceau • Lance Hollensbe • Maureen Hollensbe • Jack and Elaine Stuart • John and Misti Lee • James and Jer Pillings • Tom Nol

CENTENNIAL 2013 IN ACTION

Preservation a primary mission for Parks

Lighthouses. Officer's quarters. Forts and gun batteries used during wartime. Residences. Even an old lime kiln. These historic structures and many more dot the landscape of your state parks. State Parks preserves and cares for more than 600 historic buildings and structures, applying nationally recognized standards of care so visitors can continue to enjoy them.

To that end, twice a year since 1998 State Parks has offered a Principles of Historic Preservation Workshop, designed to help park rangers, engineers, planners, and construction and maintenance specialists understand and apply the standards in the agency's Cultural Resources Management Policy. Workshop partners include the National Park Service, the Jefferson County Historical Society and the state Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

With the knowledge they gain, staff can

Tays

better manage the historic resources in their charge and make more informed decisions. According to Gerry Tays, a State Parks planner who facilitates as well as teaches workshops, "The main value of this

course is making staff aware of what we have, how important it is and how they can

Recently finished preservation and improvement projects



- South Cle Elum Depot: State Parks, working with the Cascade Rail Foundation, completed in June the rehabilitation of the century-old Milwaukee Road Depot in Iron Horse State Park. The depot now houses a museum and a café (pictured). The site is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of the Milwaukee Road railroad's western extension and electrification.
- Alexander's Castle: Stabilization and rehabilitation of the existing historic residence for use as an overnight rental at Fort Worden State Park.
- North Head Lighthouse Residence: Copper roof replaced on the historic North Head Lighthouse Residence at Cape Disappointment State Park.

play a key role in preservation."

Washington State Parks cares for more military fortifications than any other park system in the United States, with the exception of the National Park Service. State Parks and the Pacific Northwest Preservation Partnership produced a Historic Fortification Preservation Handbook in 2003. The guide offers a thorough approach to identification,

evaluation, protection and repair of historic fortifications and has been nationally recognized as the most comprehensive and detailed examination of historic fortifications available.

The next time you visit a Washington state park, take a look around and you'll probably see one or more structures that recall an earlier time and showcase time-honored principles of historic preservation.

More cabins, yurts slated for completion this year

State Parks has some new options for campers who love convenience. Yurts and cabins in a number of state parks offer a warm, dry and affordable option to extend the camping season. The cost is \$40 to \$67 per night, depending on the structure style.

Currently, 22 rustic or deluxe cabins and 24 yurts are available to rent. By the end of this year, plans call for the addition of 20 more cabins and 16 yurts.

To learn where you can find cabins, yurts and other rental places for camping in your state parks – an attractive idea now that colder, wetter weather is on its way – visit www.parks.wa.gov/rentalplaces.



Recent accomplishments and activities in your state parks

Project wins award: The Lewis and Clark Trail Interpretive Waysides project has been selected by the Washington chapter of the American Public Works Association as the "Project of Historical Significance for 2006." The Washington State Historical Society, State Parks and the state Department of Transportation developed the roadside interpretive signs and kiosks, which are located at more than 60 sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail from Clarkston to Long Beach.

Clean Beaches Week project: Teens from the Korean Federal Way Youth Ecology group and State Parks Director Rex Derr pick up litter and debris in July at Dash Point State Park in Federal Way as part of National Clean Beaches Week. The project was sponsored



by the state departments of Health and Ecology, the Puget Sound Action Team and Washington State Parks.

Fort Flagler's 50th: Fort Flagler State Park in Nordland celebrated 50 years of recreation and history on Aug. 19 with music, games, food, demonstrations and interpretive programs. The fort was a U.S. Army coastal defense artillery installation, defending the waterways of Puget Sound from 1900 to 1946. It was transferred to the state in 1956, when its identity as a state park began. The park offers hiking and biking trails, boating on Puget Sound, a military museum and more than 100 campsites.

Flute celebration: Saint Edward State Park in Kenmore was the site for the first Pacific Northwest Flute Quest 2006 on Sept. 15-17. Activities included award-winning performers, world-class flute makers, educational programs and workshops.

Wallace Lake trail completed: After four years and more than 23,000 hours of mostly volunteer labor, the 1.9-mile Greg Ball Trail in Wallace Falls State Park opened in August. Partners included Washington Trails Association, Washington State Parks Foundation, Spring Family Trust, Greg Ball Trail Fund, Landmark and Americorps volunteers and U.S. Forest Service.